



To the citizens served by the Galt Fire Protection District:

An Open Letter about the Fire Merger

August 30, 2006

Together we are stronger. That is why we are moving forward with a merger of the Galt Fire Protection District and the Elk Grove Community Services District Fire Department.

History has shown the benefits of fire district consolidations. Consolidated departments are able to pool their resources and benefit from management on a regional level. They are able to secure the best equipment and provide the best training for their medics and firefighters.

It all comes down to service. When you need assistance, you want the best possible help available. We are dedicated to making sure you have it.

While the new district will be called the Cosumnes Community Services District, we understand the local pride associated with these fire departments. So the names "Galt" and "Elk Grove" will remain on the emergency vehicles stationed in those communities.

We already have begun joint operations of the two fire departments through a management contract so these two departments already are working together. This joint operation is saving tax dollars through efficiencies, and providing better service in both areas through joint training.

This fall we will seek approval for this merger at a public hearing held by the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission, the regional government agency that decides matters of local government efficiency and consolidation. We are confident that LAFCo will join with our two boards in recognizing the many, many benefits of this merger.

We wish to express our thanks to the citizens of this region for their support of this effort.

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